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AVENGERS® 15

CIVIL WAR II™

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AND THERE CAME A DAY, A DAY UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WHEN EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES (OR THE ONES THAT WERE AROUND THAT DAY, ANYWAY) FOUND THEMSELVES UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT. ON THAT DAY, THE AVENGERS WERE BORN--TO FIGHT THE FOES NO SINGLE SUPER HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

NOW CAPTAIN AMERICA, IRON MAN, THOR, VISION, SPIDER-MAN, MS. MARVEL, NOVA AND WASP ARE THE...

ALL-NEW ALL-DIFFERENT AVENGERS

JANE FOSTER IS STILL FIGURING OUT HER NEW ROLE AS THOR--AND AN AVENGER. BUT AS TENSIONS OVER A NEW INHUMAN NAMED ULYSSES--WHO CLAIMS TO BE ABLE TO PREDICT THE FUTURE--THREATEN TO SPARK AN ALL-OUT CIVIL WAR, SHE MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHERE SHE STANDS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

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DESPITE THE
THUNDER, I
HEAR HER.

BY THE
CROWN OF
ODIN, I BID THEE
GRANT ME
PASSAGE!

DESPITE THE
LIGHTNING, I
SEE HER.

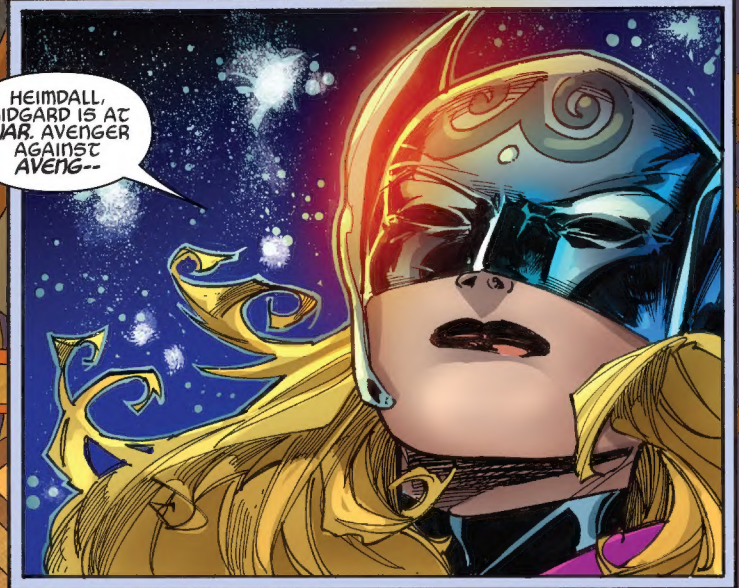
I AM THE OMNISCIENT
GUARDIAN OF BIFROST,
THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.

I AM THE GATEKEEPER
TO ASGARD, HOME OF
THE GODS.



I AM
HEIMDALL...

...AND I WILL ALWAYS
GRANT SERVICE TO
THE MIGHTY THOR.



HEIMDALL,
MIDGARD IS AT
WAR. AVENGER
AGAINST
AVENG--



I AM
AWARE.

DO NOT
FORGET THAT
MY SENSES SPAN
NOT MERELY THE
HERE AND NOW,
BUT ALL TIME
AND SPACE.

I KNOW
OF YOUR
CONFLICT.



WHICH IS
PRECISELY WHY
I SEEK YOUR
COUNSEL.

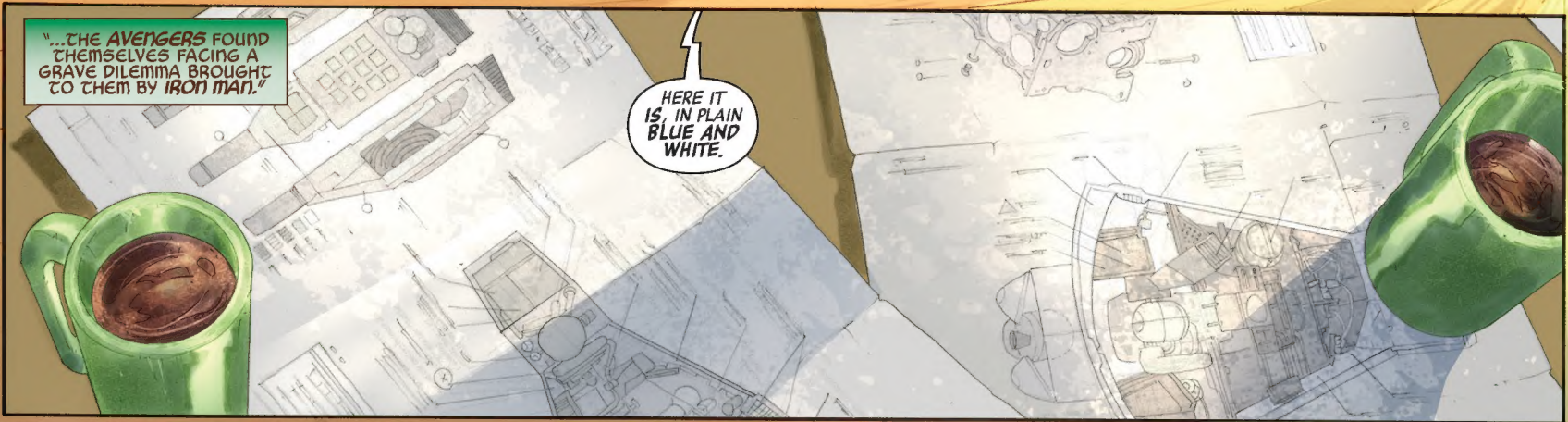
OUR WAR IS
OVER "PREDICTIVE
JUSTICE"--WHETHER
OR NOT TO DEAL
PUNISHMENT FOR
CRIMES YET TO BE
COMMITTED.

GIVEN
YOUR UNIQUE...
PERSPECTIVE IN
THE UNIVERSE, I WAS
HOPING YOU COULD
OFFER SOME
ADVICE.

VERY WELL.

IT MAY SURPRISE YOU TO LEARN THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME A THOR HAS COME BEFORE ME WITH A SIMILAR REQUEST.

SOME TIME AGO, AS MIDGARDIANS MEASURE THEIR YEARS...



"...THE AVENGERS FOUND THEMSELVES FACING A GRAVE DILEMMA BROUGHT TO THEM BY IRON MAN."

HERE IT IS, IN PLAIN BLUE AND WHITE.



MY...BOSS, TONY STARK, OBTAINED THESE SCHEMATICS THROUGH A FOREIGN MUNITIONS MAKER, AND TRUST ME WHEN I SAY THAT WHAT THEY DIAGRAM IS BAD.

A WAR WEAPON THE SIZE OF A BUS, CAPABLE OF LEVELING A CITY.

I'M CALLING A VOTE TO ACTION BECAUSE THE MAN WHO BUILT IT IS ONE VICTOR VON DOOM. WE HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT HE'S UNTOUCHABLE.



"YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF HIM. HE'S FOUGHT THE FANTASTIC FOUR A TIME OR TWO..."

"...BUT AS HE'S THE SOVEREIGN RULER OF LATVERIA, WE CAN'T JUST SWOOP IN AND CAPTURE HIM WITHOUT IT BEING AN ACT OF WAR."



"BUT THERE IS SOMETHING WE MIGHT DO."



DOOM'S BUILT THIS THING TO ANNEX NEIGHBORING ROTRUVIA. WHY?

BECAUSE ROTRUVIA EXPORTS 94% OF THE WORLD'S MOLYNITE, A POWER SOURCE IRREPLACEABLE IN TOMORROW'S ELECTRONIC INNOVATIONS.



AND WE CAN ACT ON BEHALF OF ROTRUVIA. SO FAR, THEY'VE OFFICIALLY DECLINED AMERICAN AID, BUT--

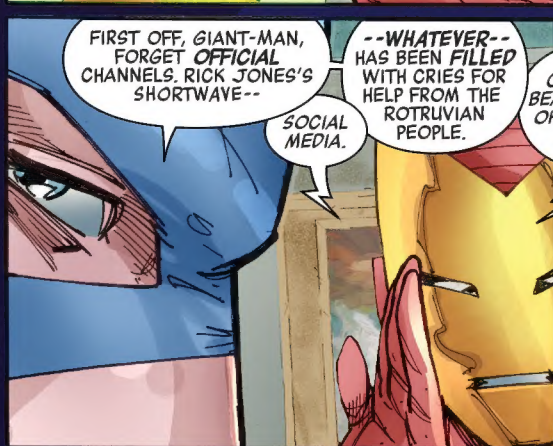


WHOA, CAP. I SPEAK FOR WASP AND ME--

--SPEAK WITH ME, HIGH-POCKETS--

--WHEN I WORRY ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS.

IN PRINCIPLE, WE GET WHY THE AVENGERS SHOULD ACT TO SAVE INNOCENTS, BUT THIS COULD KICK OFF A GLOBAL SKIRMISH--



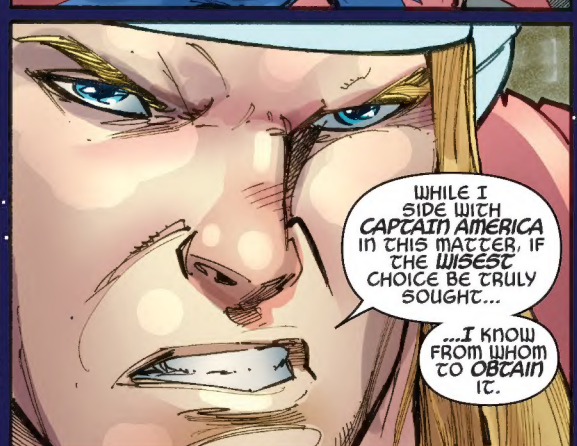
FIRST OFF, GIANT-MAN, FORGET OFFICIAL CHANNELS. RICK JONES'S SHORTWAVE--

SOCIAL MEDIA.

--WHATEVER-- HAS BEEN FILLED WITH CRIES FOR HELP FROM THE ROTRUVIAN PEOPLE.

WHAT WE CHOOSE TO DO BEARS DISCUSSION, OKAY? THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING, AND--

ENOUGH!



WHILE I SIDE WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA IN THIS MATTER, IF THE WISEST CHOICE BE TRULY SOUGHT...

...I KNOW FROM WHOM TO OBTAIN IT.

"AND SO IT WAS THAT MORTALS TROD UPON BIFROST FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER."

THIS...THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE.

I MEAN... THOR DOESN'T JUST THINK HE'S A NORSE GOD...? HE IS A...?

...WOW.

...AND THAT IS WHERE WE STAND, GOOD HEIMDALL.

I ASK THAT YOU LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND REASSURE MY HESITANT ALLIES THAT OUR INTERVENTION IN ROTRUVIA IS WELL-WARRANTED.

ODINSON, I AM UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS ACTION--

AND YET, AS YOUR PRINCE, I MAKE THE REQUEST.

CAN YOU DO THIS FOR US?

I CAN, BUT I PREFER NOT TO.

AS I HAVE DISCOVERED THROUGH THE EONS, WHENEVER I LOOK INTO THE FUTURE, THE FUTURE LOOKS BACK.

THE VERY ACT OF MY PEERING FORWARD THROUGH TIME "LOCKS" WHAT I SEE INTO AN ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY...

...AND I DO NOT CONSIDER IT MY PLACE TO "CREATE" DESTINIES THAT SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TAKE SHAPE OF THEIR OWN ACCORD. THE RESULTS ARE SOMETIMES... GRIM, KNOWING THIS...

...IS THIS STILL A PATH YOU WISH ME TO PURSUE?

THEY ARE MY NEW FRIENDS, HEIMDALL.

ASGARDIAN TO ASGARDIAN, I IMPORE YOU NOT TO DIMINISH ME IN THEIR EYES...?

=SIGH=
VERY WELL.

YOU CAN WIN THE BATTLE TO COME. IN FACT, TO OBSERVE IT IS TO GUARANTEE IT--

--BUT KNOW THAT IN WINNING, YOU WILL BE DENIED VICTORY OVER VON DOOM.

YAY, VICTORY WILL BE OURS.

NOBLE WARRIORS COMBATTING EVIL AND OPPRESSION WILL ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO TOPPLE THE WICKED.

AS YOU WISH.

TO THE BATTLEGROUND, I SEND THEE.

"INSTANTLY, THE AVENGERS WERE CATAPULTED INTO CHAOS."

"WAR HAD ALREADY BEGUN, BLOOD HAD BEEN SPILLED, LIVES HAD BEEN LOST TO A LATVERIAN ARMY FAR GREATER IN NUMBER THAN THE ROTRUVIANS."

"NONETHELESS, THE AVENGERS FOUGHT VALIANTLY."

"CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS IN HIS ELEMENT."

"IRON MAN LESS SO..."

"...STRUGGLING TO FOCUS IN AN ENVIRONMENT PERILOUSLY SIMILAR TO THE ONE THAT HAD RECENTLY DAMAGED HIS HEART."





HE SAID
"THANK
YOU."

...KÖZÖNÖM,
HÖSÖK...

YOU SPEAK
ROTRUVIAN?

I STUDIED
HUNGARIAN AS
AN ELECTIVE IN
FINISHING SCHOOL.
CLOSE ENOUGH.



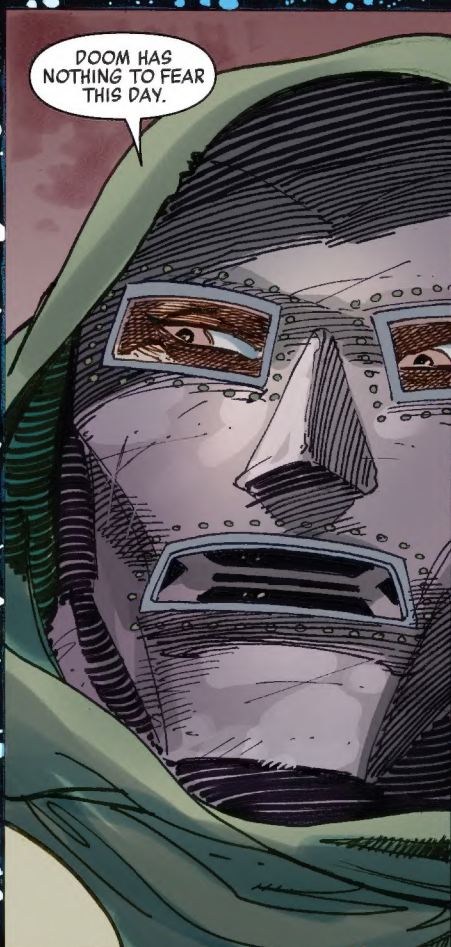
ELÖTTÜK,
A FEGYVER--!

HE SAYS
EVEN WITH
FIREARMS
POWERED BY
MOLYBDATE...

"...DOOM'S WEAPON IS
TOO WELL-DEFENDED!"

SIR, THE
AVENGERS
ARE CRESTING
THE HILL!

A RECENTLY
THAWED GERIATRIC
AND HIS GAUDY
CRONIES. LET THEM
COME.



DOOM HAS
NOTHING TO FEAR
THIS DAY.

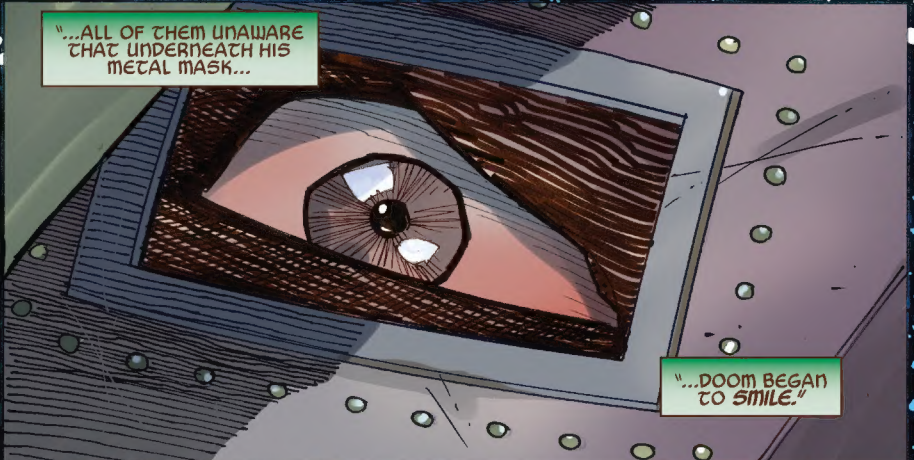


THAT'S
HIM!

IT SEEMS LIKE
YESTERDAY I WATCHED
A CRAZED DICTATOR
JACKBOOTING HIS WAY
ACROSS EUROPE! NOT
AGAIN ON MY
WATCH!

**AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!**

"THE CAPTAIN'S
BATTLE CRY GALVANIZED
HIS TEAMMATES..."



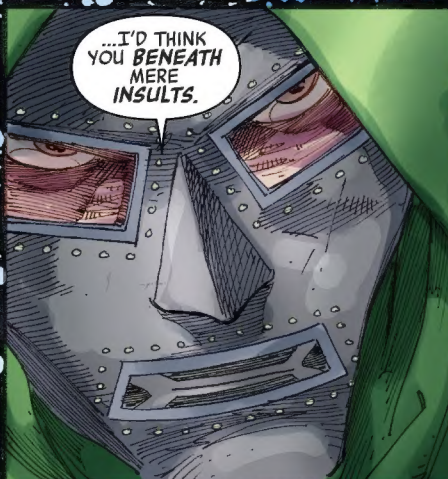
"...ALL OF THEM UNAWARE
THAT UNDERNEATH HIS
METAL MASK..."

"...DOOM BEGAN
TO SMILE."



SPTANG

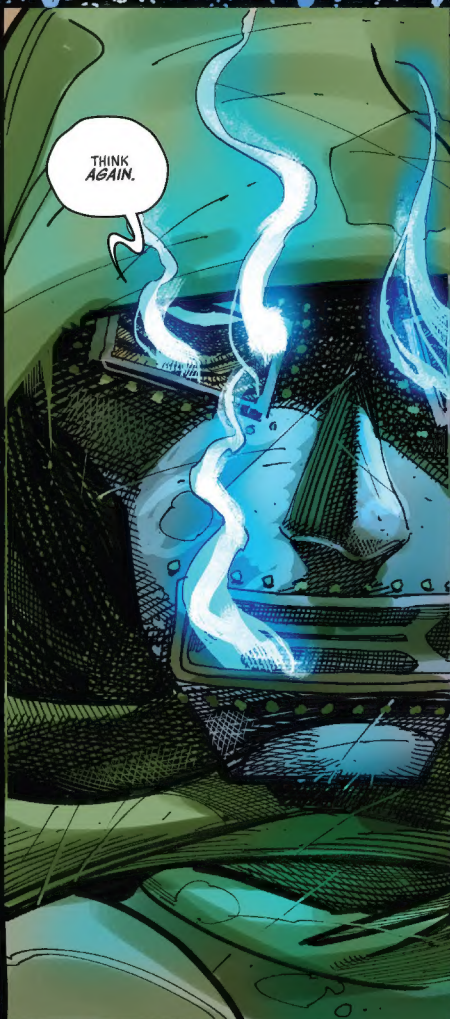
GIANT-MAN,
CONCENTRATE ON
THE WAR WEAPON!
WE'LL TAKE THE
TIN-PLATED
TYRANT!



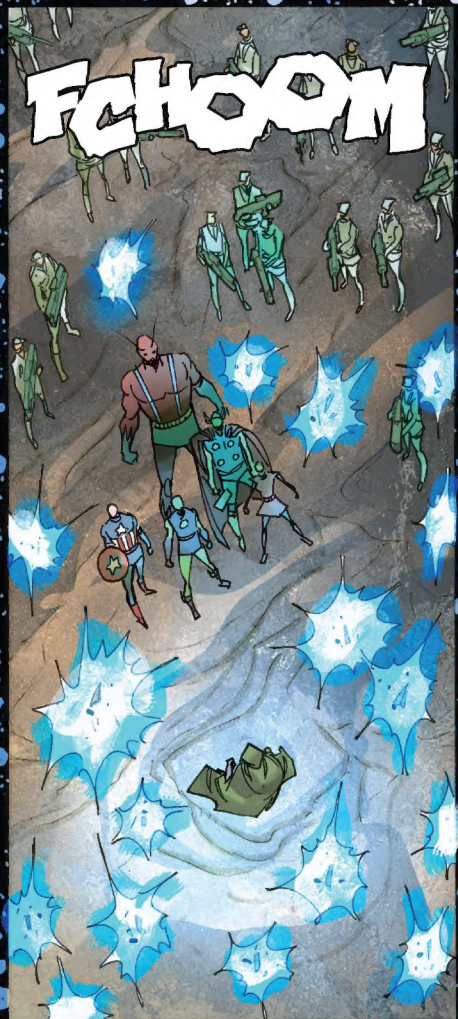


CONGRATULATIONS.

I...SUPPOSE
YOU...THINK
YOU'VE WON.



THINK
AGAIN.



FCHOOM

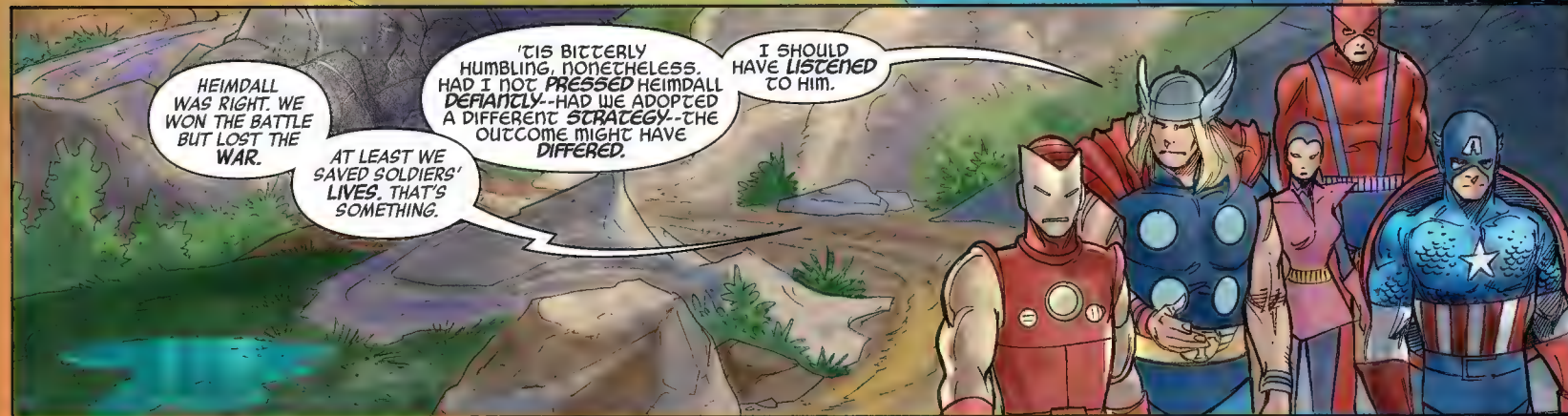
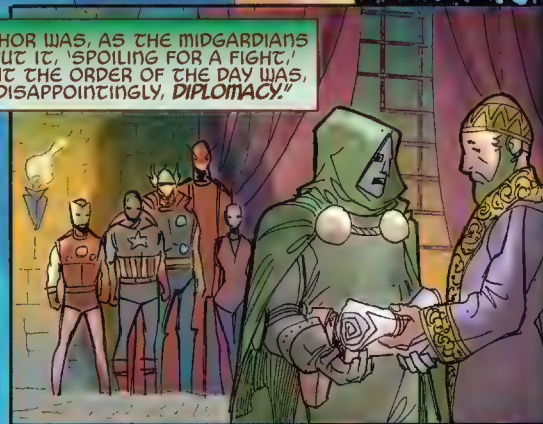
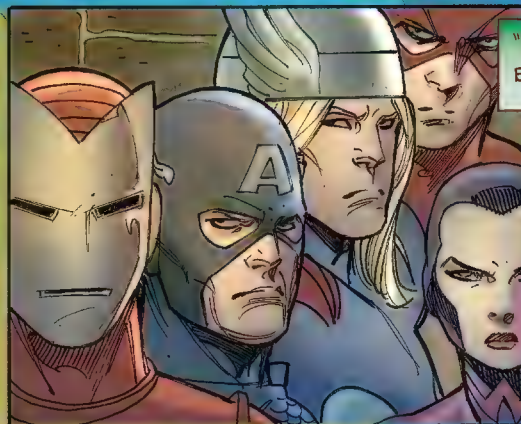
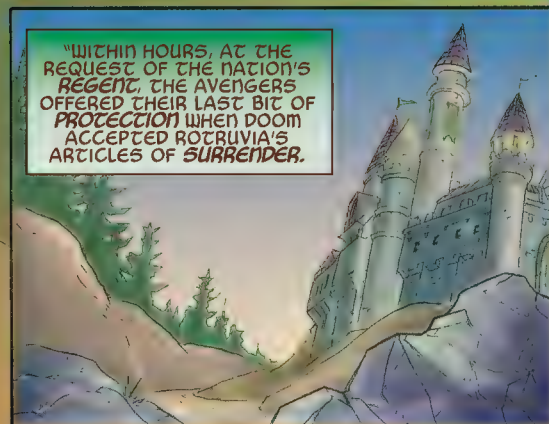
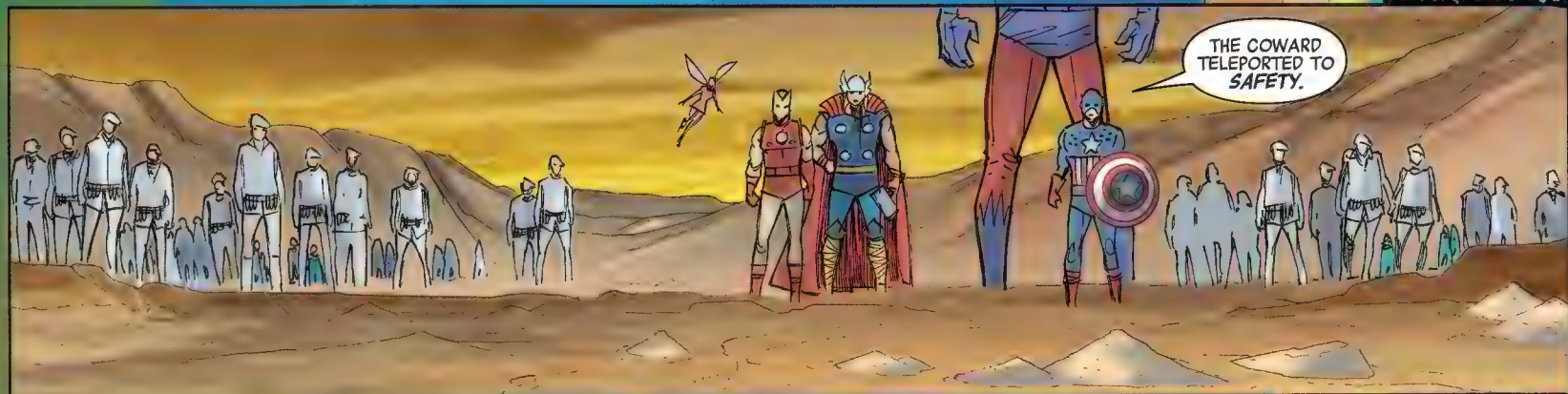
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THE--?

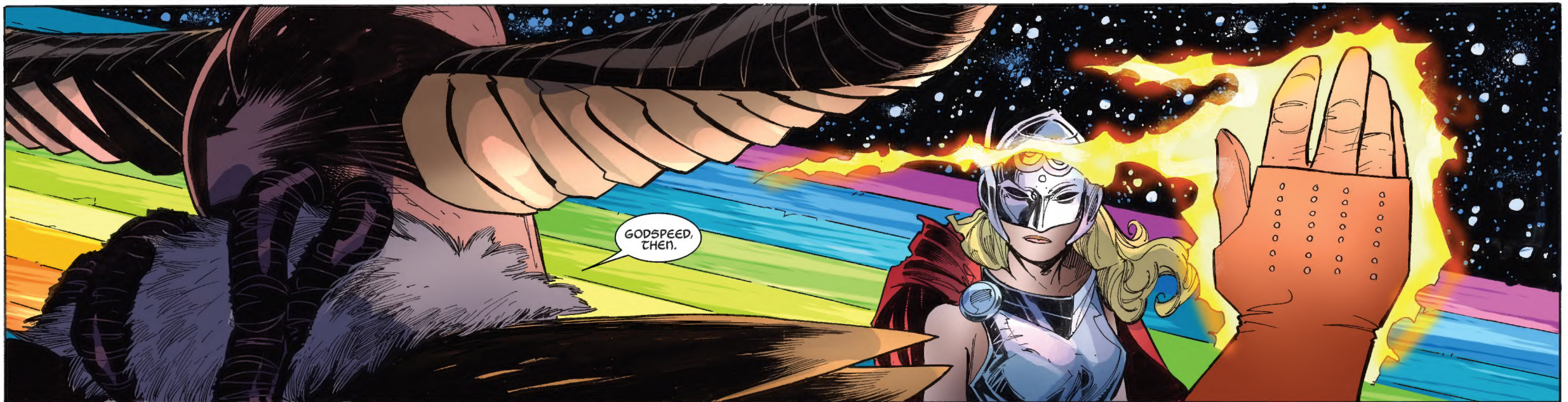
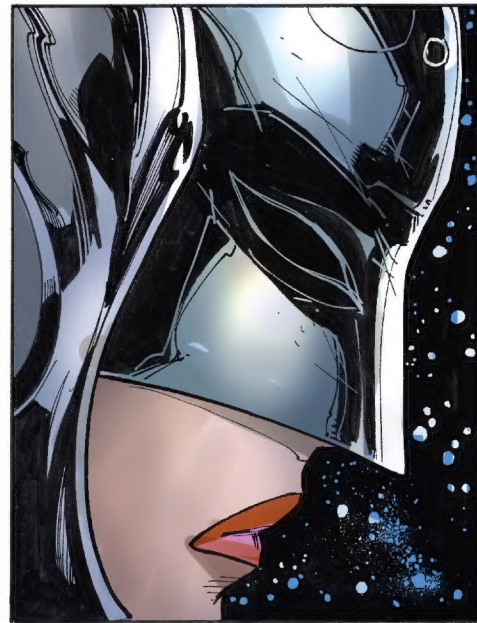
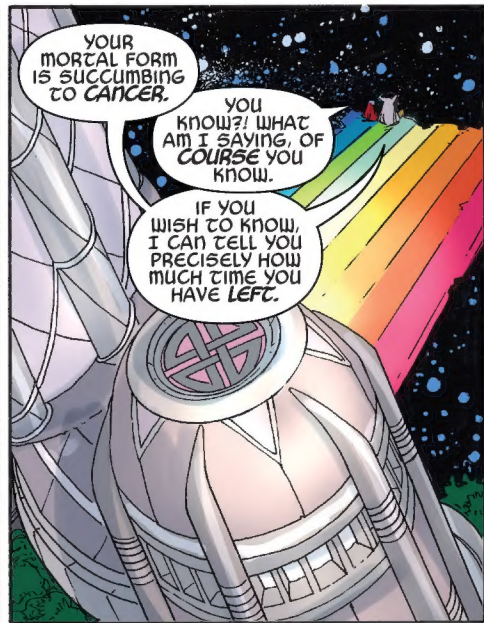
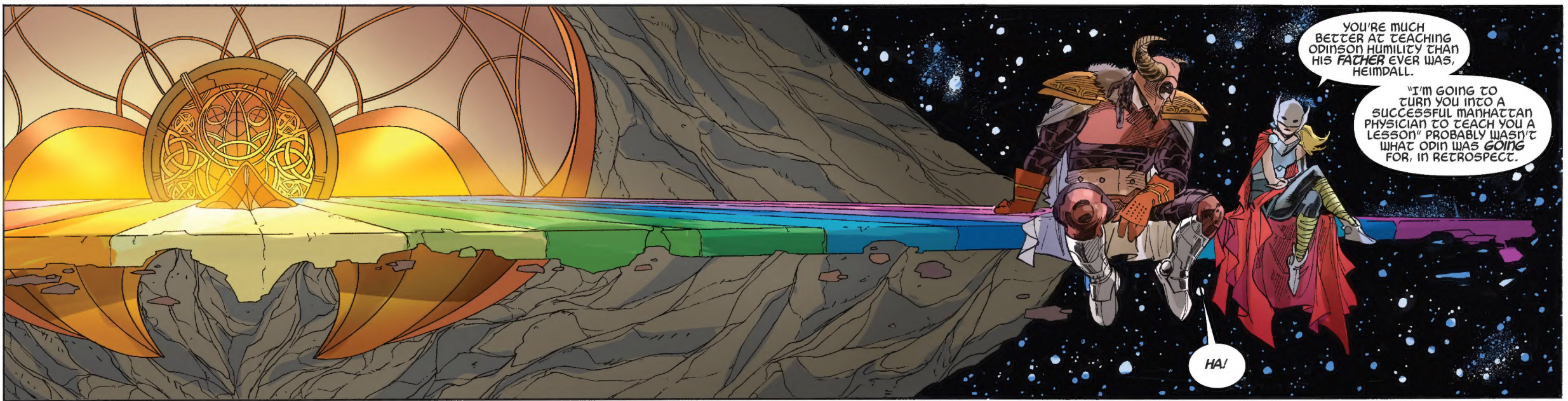
SOME
SORT OF WEIRD
ENERGY--!

IT'S EATING
AWAY AT THE
MOLYNITE
IN THEIR
WEAPONS!



"NOT SIMPLY IN
THEIR FIREARMS,
YOU METAL PUPPET."





"TRUST NOT
YOUR POWER IN
THE DAYS AHEAD..."

"...BUT YOUR
CONSCIENCE."



AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

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And that's the end--but not for long! As we talked about the impact that CIVIL WAR II would have on the Avengers, we realized that there was a very natural, very exciting consequence. As a result, Spidey, Ms. Marvel and Nova are going to part ways with the rest of the team to start their own: the Champions. To find out why, pick up CHAMPIONS #1, in stores now! We couldn't be more excited about this book--Mark Waid, Humberto Ramos, Victor Olazaba and Edgar Delgado are operating at the top of their respective games!

As for the rest of the Avengers, they'll be getting a few new teammates (Hercules and Spider-Man, anybody?) and facing a powerful villain of their own making in AVENGERS #1. Get ready for Kang War ONE! Mark Waid will be launching the book alongside the incredible Mike del Mundo, who makes every page feel like a blockbuster movie. Do not miss out on this book!

And of course yours truly, assistant editor extraordinaire Alanna, will be right back here answering your questions, compliments, subtle digs and frantic cries for help. (Well, maybe at least some of those things.) So keep sending letters to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM telling us how much you want to read AVENGERS and CHAMPIONS because I am fragile and require attention--and don't forget to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT," because I am fragile and require legal permission.

Now--once more unto the breach!

Dear Avengers Assemble,

Each issue, I am falling more in love with this book. I like the interactions between the characters and the team dynamic. Also, I was wondering about the love triangle between Spider-Man, Ms. Marvel and Nova. Kamala seems to enjoy Miles' company, but Sam seems to really like her, too. Can you give me some hints as to which one she will choose?

Again, thanks for this book. Keep telling great stories, and Make Mine Marvel!

Thanks,
Roger Floyd

Who says she'll choose either of them, Roger? Either way, our kids are moving onto their own team in CHAMPIONS #1, so if you want to find out, that's the place to go! I can tell you SOMEONE gets a kiss in issue #2--but I can't tell you who! Well, I could--but don't you want the JOURNEY, Roger?

I really enjoy the diversity in the team. Twenty years ago I never wanted to purchase comics because the heroes didn't match with what our beloved nation displays on a daily basis--heroes of all backgrounds and faiths. Thanks

for doing it right, Marvel.

Jay Rome,
USMC Veteran

Jay, I'm a big fan of this letter. If I had a space to fill a page with heart emojis I absolutely would.

Hi,

I'm nine and I'm a big fan of Spider-Man and Ms. Marvel and Buckethead. But I really didn't like Captain America, Iron Man and Vision beating up Buckethead in issue #3. Why were they doing that? They should be heroes, not bullies! Issues #5 and #6 were really good, though!

Really confused fan,
Ian

Hey, Ian! Don't worry, they didn't really beat up Buckethead--that was just Nova's bad dream!

Hello, Marvelous Myth-Makers!

I love this run of AVENGERS: a great team, a fantastic writer, stupendous covers--all hallmarks of Marvel classicdom in the making! And I oughta know, I've been glorying in Marveldom assembled for 40 years! Those who gripe, well, they're just revealing more about their prejudices than offering thoughtful, critical evaluation, so fie upon them. Fie, I say!

My main reason for laying fleet fingers to keys is the injustice done to poor Omar Kamel in the lettercol of ANAD AVENGERS #11! No No-Prize for him you say, kind Alanna Smith? I say thee, nay! Omnific Omar deserves a No-Prize, nimbly delivered into his quivering mitts, as he did exactly what is required for such an illustrious dust-collector: point out what is seemingly a mistake and offer an explanation of how it isn't a mistake, saving face for all involved. That, or words to that effect, is how Stan defined it, lo those halcyon years ago, and thus it shall be. Ask Mark Waid, he'll know!

I was lucky enough to win a No-Prize in the '80's, for something I explained (don't even remember what it regarded or my explanation, or even which furslugginer issue it was) in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and it was thrilling! I still have the envelope with a classic Romita Spidey, in color, framed, somewhere around here.

Justice for Omar! No-Prize the lad!
Yours in FOOMdom,
Roman F. Stadter, RFO, TTB, QNS,
KoF, PMM (I know, I coulda just put that one, but I like typing 'em all!)

Verily, Roman, thou hast caught me. I am but a youngling and knew only one iteration of the storied No-Prize. Thus I thank thee for

thine educational letter, which has revealed to me many truths, and bequeath upon the worthy Omar Kamel a belated No-Prize.

Dear AVENGERS team,

I am absolutely loving the direction on the new book. The fantastic art by Kubert and Asrar and the engaging writing keeps me engaged and this book is a sight to behold.

However, I recently picked up issue #14 of this series and while I loved the issue, I noticed several glaring scientific inaccuracies. For example, before Wasp shrinks into the Quantum Realm of subatomic particles she says "...the sounds of atoms forming molecules..." and when she actually gets into the world she can actually breathe air and communicate with the other Wasp and explosions and such can even occur.

This is so glaring it actually removed me from the issue. Air is just a mix of gases MADE UP of atoms and molecules (i.e. a nitrogen molecule is made up of two nitrogen atoms). If Wasp is shrinking to that level then there physically should be no oxygen for her to breathe, let alone communicate with, since sound just travels as a wave through air. She definitely shouldn't be able to "hear" the molecules form. She can't breathe in oxygen if she's at the level where oxygen molecules form. In theory, Ant-Man, Wasp and any other characters entering the Quantum Realm should have DIED INSTANTLY (all other physical reasons aside) from a lack of materials to interact with at that size. There was even an EXPLOSION at the end of the issue at a SUBATOMIC LEVEL! Combustion reactions cannot occur in a subatomic environment for what should be obvious reasons since the chemicals needed for them only form at that level. I could probably go on for HOURS about how the events of this issue ignore what we know about basic chemistry and quantum mechanics.

Just thought it would be fun to point out those little tidbits! Otherwise I'm loving the book though. And I love the idea of you guys putting out science-related variant covers on upcoming books, great way to encourage STEM. (Even though science was completely absent from this issue.)

Jack Piaszkoski

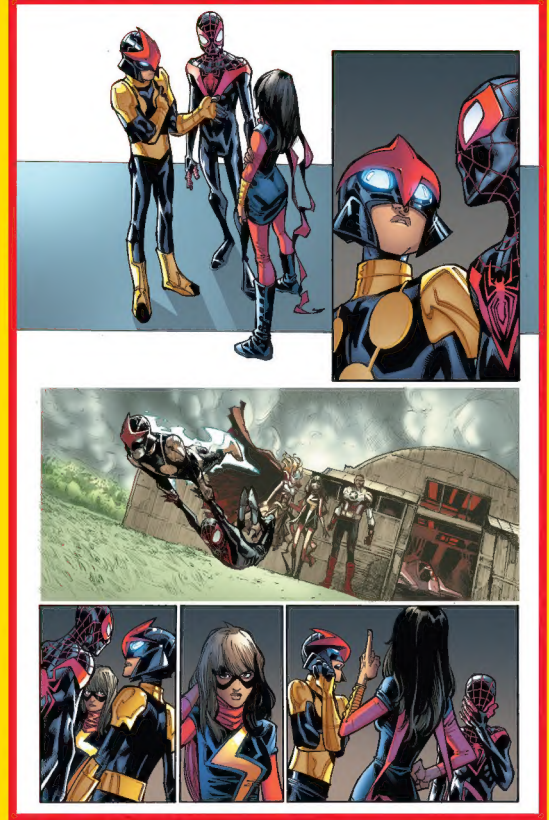
My fine arts degree and I don't know how to defend against this onslaught of science, Jack, so uh...No-Prize? (ROMAN AM I DOING THIS RIGHT)

And that's all she wrote because she ran out of page--and series! Catch you on the flip side, kids--I'll be back soon, less-new and less-different. But until then...

**-All-New, All-Different
Alanna Smith**

THE STORY CONTINUES IN...

CHAMPIONS #1 BY MARK WAID & HUMBERTO RAMOS



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